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In reply, I beg to state that the matter was referred to the deputy collector in charge of the general business room, who reports as follows:

"I have the honor to report that the bills of health of the various vessels engaged in the Central American trade have been signed by the acting assistant surgeons, as required by the President under date of March 27, 1900.

"Any failure to comply with the above will be reported."

Respectfully,

A. T. WIMBERLY,
Collector.

Epidemic of measles at Unalaska.

DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA, August 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that an epidemic of measles has broken out at Unalaska. Nine cases were personally inspected by me to-day, all of them in the persons of natives or half-breeds. The disease is apparently of a severe type, the bronchitic symptoms being very marked, and some mortality is probable.

The population of Unalaska is largely composed of natives, and it is expected that the majority of these will contract the disease.

Measles is reported as epidemic in several sections of Alaska and the adjoining islands, and I am credibly informed that the death rate from pneumonic complications has been high.

Respectfully,

DUNLOP MOORE,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Weekly report of transactions at the quarantine station of Nome, Alaska.

NOME, ALASKA, August 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith weekly report of transactions at this quarantine station for the week ended August 18, 1900:

On August 12, the steamer *Dora* arrived from St. Michael, Alaska, and landed her passengers before I could reach her by means of a surf-boat. The vessel had been boarded and inspected by me twice previously, and the captain, W. Thomas, as well as the owners of the vessel, the Alaska Commercial Company, informed of the quarantine regulations in force at this port. The captain was placed under arrest and ordered to report to Lieutenant Jarvis at the custom-house.

On August 15, the steamer *Saidie*, also of the Alaska Commercial Company, arrived from St. Michael and landed her passengers before I could reach her. Her captain also was placed under arrest and ordered to report to Lieutenant Jarvis at the custom-house.

Lieutenant Jarvis read to them and to Mr. Carlson, the manager of the Alaska Commercial Company here, pertinent portions of the "United States Quarantine Laws and Regulations." They all plead ignorance, made profuse apologies, and promised never to offend again, on which it was agreed not to prosecute them. They were informed, however, that another infraction of the regulations would be followed by immediate prosecution.

On August 16, the bark *J. D. Peters* arrived from Port Clarence, Alaska. As soon as possible I boarded her, and sent word to the captain that the United States quarantine officer was aboard and wished to see him. He, however, failed to make an appearance. After waiting a considerable time and having other work to do, I went ashore, leaving instructions for the captain to allow no communication with